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SUBJ: ISRAELI AIRCRAFT OVER AMMAN

REF: A. TEL AVIV 5559 AND PREVIOUS

B. AMMAN 5806

1. WHILE REVIEWING EMBASSY E&E PLAN AT MY DESK THIS MORNING AT ABOUT 9:10 LOCAL TWO "EXPLOSIONS" SHOOK CITY. THREE MINUTES LATER JORDAN ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF BIN SHAKER WAS ON PHONE TO ME. TELLS ME TWO EXPLOSIONS WERE ISRAELI AIRCRAFT BREAKING SOUND BARRIER. SAID "THIS IS TOO MUCH," "NEXT TIME WE WILL GO AFTER THEM". PROMISED MORE DETAILS ON FLIGHTS TO FOLLOW.

2. PRESUME THIS IS ISRAELI IDEA OF LIMITED REACTION TO TERRORIST INCIDENTS FROM JORDAN SIDE REPORTED AND DISCUSSED REFTELS. HOPE FROM HERE REMAINS THAT WE CAN HELP COOL IT. JORDANIANS HAVE NO INTEREST IN SEEING FEDAYEEN IN JORDAN PERMANENTLY OR IN TRANSIT TO WEST BANK. TRUST WE CAN PASS ON JORDANIAN REACTION IN WAY THAT WILL LEAVE ISRAELIS WITH IMPRESSION THAT "BOOM" OVER AMMAN IS NOT VERY EFFECTIVE WAY OF INCREASING JORDANIAN COOPERATION ON BORDER.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PASS TO DIA SPECAT EXCLUSIVE.

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